

SOCIAL INCIDENTS.

GARDEN PARTY AT COOKE'S MANSION

Brilliant Assemblage of Friends of the Columbia
Boat Club—Senator Davis's Dinner Party—
Children's Entertainment—
Personal Items.

The old Cooke mansion in Georgetown was the scene of a brilliant fête last night, and the Columbia Club members should be a very concerted set if they are at all susceptible to that many and ill-fittingly womanly feeling. The magnificent old residence was brilliantly lighted by hundreds of Chinese lanterns. There were shadows in abundance, however, in which shy flirtations were carried on, and the verdant grass was pressed by many a knee as sweethearts danced. This American man was left on the froth portion of the affair, but he manifested ice cream, strawberries, and other creature comforts. Everyone in Georgetown society and the city generally were invited to the party, and Mrs. Gordon and the young ladies deserve great praise for the excellent manner in which they conducted it. The refreshments were plentiful, were very large, and are expected to be greatly increased tomorrow night. Among the many who were present were Mr. and wife, Dr. and Mrs. Pickens, Mr. and

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ties, the double event being the anniversary of the death of the poet, and the annual meeting of the society. The latter was presided over by the committee president, Mr. J. H. Thompson, who was fully appreciated: instrumental solo, Miss Titiana, Mrs. W. E. Harvey; tenor solo, "St. Michael's," Mr. H. M. Hargrave; vocal solo, members, Misses Donner; duetting, "A Likely Story," Miss McQueen; quartette, with flute accompaniment, Misses McQueen, Donner, McFarland and Lacy; duetting, Misses Donner, McFarland and Lacy; vocal solo, Mr. W. E. Harvey; Morning, Mr. R. L. Downing; tenor solo, Mr. W. D. McFarland; "Ariette" Ward from the Morning Song, Mrs. W. E. Harvey; vocal solo, Modern Cain, Mr. Charles Hammond. At the conclusion of the regular programme the society was most hospitably entertained by the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson, where their pleasure and comfort. The company separated at a late hour, heartily wishing her "many returns."

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Davis, Walter Chambers, and Gracie Deane; stage director, Mr. E. L. Townsend; musical director, Mrs. Hedberg. The moral of the piece is "that it is better to be contented with the plainest fare at home than to have the gorgeous surroundings of Moonshine Castle and nothing to eat." The little ones performed their parts most creditably, and the costumes were at once pretty and appropriate. Nothing was indulged in by the guests, Miss Nettie Love furnishing the music. Among the "crowd" were Mrs. Wm. C. Davis, Mrs.

Colonel Blinton, Captain Heuberg and wife, Mrs. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wynne, Mrs. J. M. Bailey, Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Howard, Wm. Young, Miss Finley, Mrs. Leedre Lord, Captain M. Traill, Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding, Dr. and Mrs. Bliss, Hon. J. C. Burrows and wife, Captain C. F. Keller, and others.

Two friends who will be given in the parlors of Hotel T. Merrick by the pupils of Madame Barré this evening. The first one is a clever adaptation of a child's story, written by an Albany lady. Miss Burr has translated it and dramatized it. She calls it "The Land of Stories," and in it figures a little girl named Riding Hood, Goody Two-shoes, Little Red Riding Hood, and a host of other little folk.

Among those who will take part are Miss Windom, Miss Cameron, Miss Randall, Miss Card, Miss Paul, the Misses Merrick, Miss Semmes, Little Miss Craigie, Miss McElhone, and others.

Senator Henry G. Davis, of West Virginia, entertained President John W. Garrett, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, at dinner at the Arlington last

ingured long over its subtle attractions. The guests were President John W. Garrett, Secretary Folger, Senator Gorman, Senator Pendleton, Senator Mayard, Senator Sherman, Senator Camden, Senator Windom, Postmaster-General Howe, Representative Cullum, Baker Kays, a woman, Mrs. McLane, Flower, and ex-Senator Whyte, the present mayor of Baltimore.

Mrs. Augustus Wilson, of Kansas, who has been stopping at the Riggs House for a few days past, will leave for Baltimore to-morrow evening to visit her mother. She is a very interesting and accomplished woman, and is much interested in good works, visits the East as a member of the committee on philanthropy for a leading

Miss Ransom's studio will be open to visitors to-day for the last time this season, from 2 to 5 and 8 to 10 p. m. At the evening reception Mrs. Brautard, of Boston, will read a paper on the life and writings of his friend Thomas Buchanan Read, reciting some unpublished poems by the "poet painter." Miss Ransom cordially invites her friends to be present.

Thomas. The crew were Lieutenant Lemley, C. B. N. and Messrs. Paret, Maury, Harbin, Stimers, and Cady.

Miss Annie Hutchfield, niece of Mr. Jesse W. Jackson, of Capitol Hill, Miss Lizzie James, daughter of Hon. John H. James, of Georgia, passed through Washington yesterday on their return home from Packard College, Brooklyn, N. Y., to Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. George Logan, who has added greatly to the attractiveness of the Duty and other social and literary clubs during the past winter, returned to Boston last night to be gone several months.

Mrs. Antoin Campbell and Mrs. N. B. Wiggins

International Courtesy. Postmaster-General Howe is in receipt of a communication from Secretary Frelinghuysen, inclosing correspondence between Minister Lowell and Sir Henry Ponsonby, private secretary to Her Majesty Queen Victoria. The correspondence is in regard to the new international stamp bearing the likeness of the late President Garfield, a proof of which, handsomely framed, was recently forwarded to Her Majesty. The Queen, through Sir

The Alleged Counterfeit-Bond Plate.
A committee of three experts is now engaged at the Treasury Department in examining the \$1,000 bond-plate submitted to Secretary Folger by Detective Felker. It is upon the surrender of this plate to the government, together with full information as to how it was obtained, that Mr. Fel-

Secretary Folger is of the opinion that it is not a genuine plate, but, in order to dispel all doubt on that point, he has subjected it to the examination of experts. Their report will be made in a few days.

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Thursday's Nominations.

The President sent the following nomination to the Senate Thursday: Postmasters—Loren W. Joy, at Northampton, Mass.; George N. Brigham, Rockville, Conn.; Charles Olmstead, N.

Liberalizing Mississippi.
Ex-Representative Chalmers, who is in the city on his way to Virginia, said last evening that if the Republicans did not make a regular nominee

are too weak as an independent Congress, and felt assured that he would be able to defeat the straight Democratic candidate. It is evident from the conversation of General Chalmers that he is decidedly in earnest in the matter of antagonizing the Bourbon candidate in the second district and will leave no stone unturned to accomplish his object.